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Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year 1941.

Public Health Officers for the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health .	L.E.Dickson,MDN (Part-time
Public Analyst.	Mr.H.Lowe, Chester.
Sanitary Inspector and Food Inspector.	Mr.D.C.Younger.

Sec.A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	101,040.
Registrar General's estimate of population.	13,210.
Number of inhabited houses (mid 1941) according to Rate Book.	3,385.
Rateable Value.	49,535.
Sum represented by penny rate.	£200. 3. 1.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births.				
Legitimate	214.	101.	113.)	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid 1941. 17.1.
Illegitimate	12.	8.	4.)	
Still Births.				
Legitimate.	8.	3.	5.)	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births. 39.8
Illegitimate.	1.	1.	0.)	
Deaths.	143.	74.	69.	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population. 10.8

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. 0.

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births.	17.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	18.4
Illegitimate " " " illegitimate " "	0.0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).	15.
Deaths from Measles(all ages)	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).	0.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age).	0.

Sec.B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers. - See above.

There has been no change in the following:-
(a) Laboratory facilities. (b) Ambulance facilities.
(c) Nursing in the Home. (d) Treatment Centres, etc.
(e) Hospitals.

Sec.C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

A Report by your Sanitary Inspector is appended.

Sec.D. HOUSING.

No Building Schemes have been carried out.
One condemned cottage has been re-opened.

Sec.E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat. The methods of transport and distribution of meat have improved.
Adulteration. No action has been taken in this matter.

Sec.F. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were no epidemics or serious outbreaks of infectious disease.

There were two cases of enteric fever one of which was fatal.

Immunisation of children of under school, and school age, against Diphtheria was undertaken by the Local Authority. The services of local medical practitioners were engaged. At 31st December, 1941, 132 children of under school age and 1455 children of school age had received the complete course of two injections. The agent used was Alum Precipitated Toxoid, provided free of cost from the Public Health Laboratory at Wellington.

No use was made of serum for the prevention or treatment of Measles.

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1941.

Disease.	Total Cases, Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	39.	11.	0.
Diphtheria.	5.	4.	1.
Enteric Fever) Para-typhoid)	2.	2.	1.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2.	1.	0.
Pneumonia.	19.	1.	7.
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	1.	1.	0.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	17.	17.	0.
Erysipelas.	6.	2.	0.
Measles.	6.	2.	0.
Whooping Cough.	37.	0.	0.

Sec.2. SANITARY DISCREPANCIES IN NEW AREA.

A Report by your Sanitary Inspectors is appended.

Sec.3. HOUSING.

No sanitary nuisances have been serviced out.
One condemned cottage has been re-opened.

Sec.4. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meats. The methods of transport and distribution of meat have improved.

Inspection. No action has been taken in this matter.

Sec.5. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were no epidemics or serious outbreaks of infectious disease.

There were two cases of enteric fever one of which was fatal.

Immunisation of children of under school age, and school age against diphtheria was undertaken by the local medical men.
The services of local medical practitioners were engaged.
At first Reception, 1941, 102 children of under school age and 1456 children of school age had received the complete course of two injections. The agent used was Alum Precipitated Toxoid provided free of cost from the Public Health Laboratory at Nottingham.

No use was made of serum for the prevention or treatment of measles.

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1941.

Disease.	Total Cases. Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	29.	11.	[illegible]
Diphtheria.	4.	4.	[illegible]
Enteric Fever. (Paratyphoid)	8.	8.	[illegible]
Puerperal Pyrexia.	3.	1.	[illegible]
Pneumonia.	12.	1.	[illegible]
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	1.	1.	[illegible]
Dysentery.	17.	17.	[illegible]
Erysipelas.	6.	2.	[illegible]
Measles.	3.	2.	[illegible]
Whooping Cough.	37.	6.	[illegible]

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ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES UNDER AGE GROUP.

Disease.	Age Group. 1. year.	2.	3.	4.	5.	10.	15.	20.	35.	45.	65.	Total.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	1.	1.	3.	6.	7.	17.	3.	1.	-	39.
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	1.	-	2.	-	1.	1.	-	-	5.
Puerperal Pyr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	-	-	-	2.
Pneumonia.	-.	1.	-	-	1.	-.	1.	3.	6.	2.	5.	19.
Measles.	5.	4.	1.	8.	30.	8.	1.	5.	1.	-	1.	64.
Whooping Cough.	6.	1.	6.	2.	19.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	37.
Enteric.	-.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	2.
Cerebro-Spinal.F.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	16.	-	-	-	17.
Opthalmia.Neo.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	2.	-	2.	1.	6.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1941.

Age Periods.	New Cases. Respiratory. M.	F.	Non-Resp. M.	F.	Mortality. Respiratory. M.	F.	Non.-Resp. M.	F.
1.	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-
15.	1.	2.	-	-	2.	1.	-	-
25.	-	4.	-	1.	-	3.	-	-
35.	1.	1.	-	-	-	1.	-	-
45.	1.	-	-	-	3.	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Up.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	3.	7.	1.	2.	5.	5.	0.	0.

There were no non-notified deaths from Tuberculosis.

CANCER.

Age Period.	Deaths.
45.	4.
55.	2.
65.	9.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

(signed) L.E.Dickson.

Medical Officer of Health.

27th February, 1943.

BRIDGNORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES UNDER AGE GROUP.

Diseases.	Age Group.										
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	10.	15.	20.	35.	45.	65.	Total.
Year.												
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	1.	1.	3.	6.	7.	17.	3.	1.	-	39.
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	1.	-	3.	-	1.	1.	-	-	5.
Puerperal Pyr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	-	-	-	2.
Pneumonia.	-	1.	-	-	1.	-	1.	3.	6.	2.	5.	19.
Measles.	3.	4.	1.	3.	30.	2.	1.	5.	1.	-	1.	54.
Whooping Cough.	3.	1.	2.	2.	19.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	37.
Enteric.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	2.
Cerebro-Spinal M.	-	1.	-	1.	-	-	-	16.	-	-	-	17.
Ophthalmia Neo.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	2.	-	2.	1.	6.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1941.

Age Periods.	New Cases.						Mortality.					
	Respiratory.			Non-Resp.			Respiratory.			Non-Resp.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	1.	2.	-	-	-	-	2.	1.	-	-	-
25.	-	-	4.	-	1.	-	-	-	3.	-	-	-
35.	1.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-
45.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Up.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	3.	7.	1.	2.			3.	5.		0.		0.

There were no non-notified deaths from Tuberculosis.

CANCER.

Age Period.	Deaths.
45.	1.
55.	2.
65.	3.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

(signed) I.E.Dickson.

Medical Officer of Health.

27th February, 1942.

BRIDGNORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Officer's Annual Report for the year ending Dec.1941.

Complaints.

Fifty three Complaints were received during the year of various natures. All were inspected, and where necessary personal interviews were made on the different parties concerned, thereby no further action was necessary to be taken by my Council.

Water Analysis.

Two (2) Bacteriological samples were taken during the year, one was reported on by the Analyst as satisfactory and the other showed no indications of recent serious pollution, but improvement in the quality of the water was desirable.

Water Supplies.

During the year five private and nine public wells have been repaired and reconditioned so as to remedy the water supplies from being contaminated from various ways and kinds of pollution.

Food Inspection.

The following articles of food were condemned of inspection during the year as unfit for human consumption:-

Corned beef- - - - - - - -24 lbs.
Eggs -- - - - - - - - - - - 36 dozen.
Butter -- - - - - - - - - -6 lbs.

Disinfection.

Number of places disinfected during the year after being occupied by patients suffering from infectious disease - 40.

House Scavenging.

Offensive accumulations found in different parts of the district have been removed by their respective owners after being notified or personally interviewed.

The Council's scavenging schemes in the Village of Alveley and the Council's houses Highley have been carried out satisfactorily during the year.

BUCKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary officer's Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 1941.

Complaints.

Fifty three complaints were received during the year of various nature. All were inspected, and where necessary personal interviews were made on the different premises concerned. Where no further action was necessary to be taken by the Council.

Water Analysis.

Two (2) Bacteriological samples were taken during the year, one was reported on by the Analyst as satisfactory and the other showed no indications of recent serious pollution, but improvement in the quality of the water was desirable.

Water Supplies.

During the year five private and nine public wells have been repaired and reconditioned so as to remedy the water supplies from being contaminated from various ways and kinds of pollution.

Food Inspection.

The following articles of food were condemned of inspection during the year as unfit for human consumption.

Corned Beef- - - - - - - - - - 1cwt 1qr.
Eggs - - - - - - - - - - - - 36 dozen.
Butter - - - - - - - - - - - 5 lbs.

Disinfection.

Number of places disinfected during the year after being occupied by patients suffering from infectious disease - 10.

Noise Nuisance.

Offensive accumulations found in different parts of the district have been removed by their respective owners after being notified or personally interviewed.

The Council's convenient scheme in the village of Alvaley and the Council houses Alfriby have been carried out satisfactorily during the year.

Swimming Pools.

There are two Pools in the district which are used by the public. These places are periodically inspected during the year and in no instance was there any cause for complaint at the time of inspection.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

During the year eleven applications have been received to be registered as producers of milk for sale under the Milk and Dairies Order.

Considerable improvements in the nature of reconditioning and general cleanliness of the cowsheds have been carried out, and in my opinion, the general sanitary conditions are steadily improving, and would have been much better but for the exigences of the war.

The attention of producers and retailers of milk has been called to the provisions of the order in respect of the sanitary conditions in which these premises are required to be kept.

There are 212 registered cowsheds and dairies on the register at the present time.

Bakehouses, Workshops

These premises are periodically visited during the year, and except for requests for the annual limewashing in accordance with the periods stated in the Order, no further action has been found necessary.

Housing.

Total number of housing inspected for housing defects during the year (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 350.

Number of inspections made for the purpose- - - - -380.

(signed) D.C.Younger.

Sanitary Inspector.

27th February, 1943.

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There are 112 registered cowsheds and dairies on the register at the present time.

Nuisances, Sewerage

These problems are periodically visited during the year, and except for requests for the annual limewashing in accordance with the periods stated in the Order, no further action has been found necessary.

Housing.

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects during the year (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 230.

Number of inspections made for the purpose- - - -230.

(signed) D.J. Munger.

Sanitary Inspector.

27th February, 1940.

Swimming Pools.

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Dairies and Cowsheds.

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There are 212 registered Cowsheds and Dairies on the Register at the present time.

Bakehouses and Workshops.

These premises are periodically visited during the year, and except for requests for the annual limewashing in accordance with the periods stated in the Order, no further action has been found necessary.

Housing.

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects during the year (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) - 350.

Number of Inspections made for the purpose - - - - - - 380.

(signed) D.C.Younger.

Sanitary Inspector.

27th February, 1943.

Bathing Pools.

There are two pools in the district which are used by the public. These places are particularly frequented during the year and in my instance was there any cause for complaint at the time of inspection.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

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The attention of producers and retailers of milk has been called to the provisions of the Order in respect of the sanitary conditions in which these premises are required to be kept.

There are 212 registered cowsheds and Dairies on the Register at the present time.

Bakehouses and Workshops.

These premises are periodically visited during the year, and except for the Annual Inspection in accordance with the periods stated in the Order, no further notice has been found necessary.

Remarks.

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects during the year (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) - 380.

Number of Inspections made for the purpose - - - - - 380.

(signed) D.C.Youngner.

Sanitary Inspector.

27th February, 1943.